

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The FCC has the power to stop Sinclair and its fascist decision to use public airwaves to pre-empt primetime programming a week before the election to air propaganda full of lies, deceit, and slander specifically targeted to coerce the public into supporting the President's campaign for re-election. And to top it all off, lobbyist Mark Hyman claims this long attack ad is "news", stating that those who disagree are like "Holocaust deniers." This statement is ludicrous and beyond reproach! This must be breaking a handful of laws. Is this what this country has come to? It's un-American, an outrage, and down right scary. YOU have the power to change it. It is your job to change it. That is the FCC's role in this country's proud system of checks and balances created to protect the public from a fascist regime.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you,
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p.s.

When I placed a call to my local station of: KQVR CBS 13 in West Sacramento, CA, the "front desk" as she stated when I asked her name was INCREDIBLY rude to me. I was extremely polite, knowing that the person who answers the phone is NOT the one making this fascist, un-American decision, and knowing that being anything other than polite gets one nowhere. Yet, even given my diplomacy, she was terribly rude. There is absolutely no excuse for that especially considering the circumstances